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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS SCHOOL

1. QUOTED BELOW IS NOT (DRC/N(73)12) DATED JULY 6, 1973 BY
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO THE
FUTURE OF THE PROPOSED NATO DEFENSE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
SCHOOL.

BEGIN TEXT: IN MAY 1971, THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE
APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAT DEFENSE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS SCHOOL, NOTING THAT AS SOON AS IT APPEARED
POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP AN AGREED FORMULA FOR SHARING THE ANNUAL
RUNNING COSTS AND TO FIND A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR THE SCHOOL,
THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE WOULD SUBMIT TO THE DEFENSE
PLANNING COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PROJECT.

THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN AFTER EXTENSIVE PREPARATORY
WORK BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF ON THE STRUCTURE, SYLLABUS
AND TOTAL COST OF THE SCHOOL. SUBSEQUENTLY IT WAS
ESTABLISHED THAT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SCHOOL COULD BE
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FOUND AT NATO HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS. HOWEVER, NO PROGRESS
HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS AGREEMENT ON THE FINANCING OF THE
ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS. THE BASIC ISSUE IS WHETHER:

(A) THE NATO CIVIL BUDGET COST SHARING FORMULA, OR A VARIATION THEREOF, SHOULD BE APPLIED; OR WHETHER

(B) THE COST SHOULD BE BORNE ON A PER STUDENT BASIS.

THE POINT HAS BEEN REACHED AT WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF ADMINISTRATION NEED A DECISION ON THE USE OF THOSE ROOMS EARMARKED FOR THE SCHOOL. I SHALL THEREFORE PUT THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF AN EARLY DRC MEETING TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT IS WORTHWHILE CONTINUING THE SEARCH FOR AN ACCEPTABLE COST SHARING FORMULA OR WHETHER WE SHALL HAVE TO REPORT TO MINISTERS THAT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE TO BE ABANDONED ON THESE GROUNDS. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: UNLESS WASHINGTON HAS OTHER THOUGHTS WE PROPOSE TO FOLLOW PREVIOUS GUIDANCE (STATE 082808-MAY 12, 1971 AND STATE 186335-NOV 4, 1969) TO THE EFFECT THAT:

A. US FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL SHOULD BE NIL OR MINMAL.

B. OPERATING EXPENSES OF SCHOOL SHOULD BE FULLY FINANCED BY THE USER NATIONS.

C. TO THE EXTENT US STUDENTS ATTEND, US WILL PROVIDE ITS PRO-RATA SHARE OF THE COST OF THOSE STUDENTS.

D. WE WILL SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE AND COURSE MATERIAL AS NECESSARY.

E. THE US WILL PROVIDE OCCASIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS IF REQUESTED.

F. WE OPPOSE LOCATION OF SCHOOL WITHIN NATO HEADQUARTERS AS INCONSISTENT WITH COST SHARING CONSIDERATIONS IN PARA A, B AND C ABOVE. (IF IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT ALL CONFIDENTIAL

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OTHERS COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL AND THE ONLY REMAINING OBSTACLE IS THE US OBJECTION TO LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, THEN WE WOULD AGREE TO REFER QUESTION BACK TO US AUTHORITIES.)

3. SUBSEQUENT TO PUBLICATION OF DRC/N(73)12 MISSION HAS RECEIVED NOTIFICATION THAT ITEM WILL BE ON DRC AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, 17 JULY 1973. MCAULIFFE

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